## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-5, 8-12 and 15-19 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1,

A method comprising:

receiving input from a user; and

in response to the input, selecting one of a BCV (boot connection vector) pointer and a BEV (bootstrap entry vector) pointer to have a non-null value;

wherein the selecting includes changing the BCV pointer from a null value to a non-null value and changing the BEV pointer from a non-null value to a null value.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1,

A method comprising:

receiving input from a user; and

in response to the input, selecting one of a BCV (boot connection vector) pointer and a BEV (bootstrap entry vector) pointer to have a non-null value;

wherein the selecting includes changing the BEV pointer from a null value to a non-null value and changing the BCV pointer from a non-null value to a null value.

8-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 8,

A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor and storing a program, the processor operative with the program to:

receive input from a user; and

in response to the input, select one of a BCV (boot connection vector) pointer and a BEV (bootstrap entry vector) pointer to have a non-null value;

wherein the selecting includes changing the BCV pointer from a null value to a non-null value and changing the BEV pointer from a non-null value to a null value.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 8,

A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor and storing a program, the processor operative with the program to:

receive input from a user; and

in response to the input, select one of a BCV (boot connection vector) pointer and a BEV (bootstrap entry vector) pointer to have a non-null value;

wherein the selecting includes changing the BEV pointer from a null value to a non-null value and changing the BCV pointer from a non-null value to a null value.

15-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15,

An apparatus comprising:

a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:

receiving input from a user; and

in response to the input, selecting one of a BCV (boot connection vector) pointer and a BEV (bootstrap entry vector) pointer to have a non-null value;

wherein the selecting includes changing the BCV pointer from a null value to a non-null value and changing the BEV pointer from a non-null value to a null value.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15,

An apparatus comprising:

a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:

receiving input from a user; and

in response to the input, selecting one of a BCV (boot connection vector) pointer and a BEV (bootstrap entry vector) pointer to have a non-null value;

wherein the selecting includes changing the BCV pointer from a null value to a non-null value and changing the BEV pointer from a non-null value to a null value.

22. (new) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

prior to receiving the input, prompting the user to select a boot option from among a plurality of boot options.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein the prompting includes:

displaying the plurality of boot options to the user.

- 24. (new) The method of claim 23, wherein the input is received in response to the prompting.
- 25. (new) The method of claim 24, wherein the plurality of boot options includes:

at least one PXE (Pre-boot Execution Environment) option;

at least one RPL (Remote Program Load) option; and

at least one iSCSI (Internet Small Computer System Interface) option.

26. (new) The system of claim 13, wherein the processor is further operative with the program to:

prior to receiving the input, prompt the user to select a boot option from among a plurality of boot options.

- 27. (new) The system of claim 26, further comprising:
  - a display device coupled to the processor;

and wherein the processor is further operative with the program to cause the display device to display the plurality of boot options to the user.

- 28. (new) The system of claim 28, wherein the input is received in response to the processor prompting the user to select a boot option.
- 29. (new) The system of claim 28, wherein the plurality of boot options includes:

at least one PXE (Pre-boot Execution Environment) option;

at least one RPL (Remote Program Load) option; and

at least one iSCSI (Internet Small Computer System Interface) option.

30. (new) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said instructions, when executed by said machine, further result in:

prior to receiving the input, prompting the user to select a boot option from among a plurality of boot options.

31. (new) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the prompting includes:

displaying the plurality of boot options to the user.

- 32. (new) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the input is received in response to the prompting.
- 33. (new) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the plurality of boot options includes:

at least one PXE (Pre-boot Execution Environment) option;

at least one RPL (Remote Program Load) option; and

at least one iSCSI (Internet Small Computer System Interface) option.